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WILDER BEHIND BARS

Sheriff Aden Arrived With His Prisoner Wednesday

Sheriff S. G. Aden arrived here with his prisoner, David Wilder, last Wednesday morning at 9:32, and placed him behind the bars at the county jail where he will remain until his case is disposed of by the circuit court of Carroll county.

David Wilder is wanted here for a crime committed six years ago, July 12, 1913. He shot and killed Mrs. Bettie Green, wife of John Green and fired one or more shots at his own wife, Mrs. Lillie Wilder, a daughter of the murdered woman. Mrs. Wilder dropped to the ground and the husband turned away from the scene believing he had killed both of the women.

Wilder left the state and went to Canada where he remained, it is said until the first of this month, when he came to his old home in Hillsman, Michigan. He arrived there July 4. The sheriff of that county had been notified by the local sheriff to inform him if Wilder should ever return. Mr. Aden received the information that he was there and ordered his arrest, directing the officer to hold him until he could reach Michigan.

Saturday, July 5, Sheriff Aden left on his long journey, and after traveling, all told, about 2,400 miles, and undergoing all kinds of discouraging experiences, he arrived at home with his prisoner.

Wilder had friends who endeavored to have him released on habeas corpus proceedings before the sheriff could reach there, but Mr. Aden had forethought enough to advise the court by telegram that he was on his way, and the court held Wilder from day to day until the sheriff arrived. Lawyer Defoe, who represented Wilder, also requested the governor of Michigan to refuse to recognize Gov. Roberts' request for requisition papers, but the governor had already complied with the request of the Tennessee governor, and declined to recall it, although he was urged to do so.

Wilder lost on his habeas corpus proceedings. He was then carried before the probate court upon a plea of insanity. The judge appointed two excellent physicians to examine him, and after doing so they reported that they found him of sound mind.

In these proceedings Sheriff Aden was represented by Lawyer Canfield, one of the finest men, the sheriff says he ever met. The end of the law being reached the prisoner was turned over to our sheriff who hastened home with him. Wilder was handcuffed to the sheriff the entire distance and for two nights the sheriff did not sleep any at all.

The sheriff says he was treated with every kindness and consideration by the officials and the many good citizens with whom he came in contact.

No worse crime was ever committed in this county and the sheriff deserves the indorsement and congratulations of our people. The bringing to trial and justice a criminal of this kind after so many years have elapsed will do much to deter the criminals inclined who think they can do as they please and escape the power of the law.

Leasing for Oil

Nearly every acre of land in Henderson county has been leased by oil prospectors, most of the leases being held by William G. Naylor of Olean, N. Y. and T. S. Hughes of Clifton, Tennessee with a few scattering acres being held by J. Z. Sullivan, registrar of the county, and Joseph Holmes, another prospector.

Mr. Naylor, who comes from the older oil fields of the north, has been investigating the oil prospects in Henderson and Madison counties and says they look very good to him; equally as good as the Kentucky field which is now so profitable.

Thrilling Scenes

The allied victory parade held in Paris, France, Monday was an event long to be remembered by the Paris people. Twenty thousand allied soldiers swung across Paris eastward before the eyes of more than a million spectators,

who saw and cheered the victory parade, led by Foch, Joffre, Pershing and other war notables. One year ago that day the Germans began their artillery preparation for their last great offensive, launched the morning of July 15, with a great infantry attack between Soissons and the Argonne. Three American divisions helped repel the German blow in less than three days of fighting.

Spirit of Revenge

A threat to instill a spirit of revenge in German children is contemplated in a proclamation signed by a number of high school teachers, which was published in conservative newspapers. After criticizing the entente, the proclamation concludes:

"If we are compelled to fulfill these peace demands, we turn away with contempt from nations which lacked the moral force to suppress this criminal juggling and will work with all our might to make our children and grandchildren inherit this sentiment and to keep it permanently alive in the German nation."

Professor Kuno Meyers, well known in the United States as a lecturer, was one of the signers.

District Conference

The Lexington District Conference was held at Camden this week. The conference opened Tuesday and closed Thursday night. This district is composed of quite a large territory, embracing all of Decatur, Henderson and McNairy counties and a part of the counties of Benton, Carroll and Madison. Large crowds usually attend these meetings. Rev. D. B. Raulins, Judge Wilson Enoch and wife and Mrs. P. W. Maddox are in attendance from the Huntingdon church.

LONGER SCHOOL TERMS

Funds Apportioned to Lengthen Terms in Many Counties

Under an act of the general assembly of 1917 provision was made that 14 per cent of the general education fund be used as an equalizing fund to aid and encourage counties in lengthening school terms. The amount of this special longer-term fund for the January, 1919, distribution was \$61,751.25. Of this sum \$16,090.95 was used to supplement salaries of county superintendents in counties with abbreviated terms, leaving a net sum of \$45,660.30.

Counties having less than 120 days per year for schooling were given 9 per cent of this fund, and counties with less than 140 days per year were given 5 per cent. Sixty-nine counties in the state had less than 120 days for their school terms, and will receive \$621.88. There are 14 counties which have more than 120 days, and these 14 will receive \$196.47 each.

Carroll county is one of the counties that received \$621.88 to aid in extending the school terms to more than 120 days.

COTTON PROSPECTS

Condition Not Much Improved in Many Sections

Little change in the cotton crop prospect is indicated by reports dated July 10, sent in by correspondents of The Commercial Appeal, the comparison being made with the end-June period.

Temperatures and weather conditions generally have been mostly favorable during the past three weeks. Good progress has been made in killing grass, but stands have been somewhat broken in the process.

Backsets, due to other causes, have about, or a little more than, offset the advantages gained by cleaner fields. Boll weevil is very numerous, active and becoming more destructive as the plant begins to show squares.

Compared with our estimate as of June 20, which placed the condition as of that date at 73.2 per cent of a normal, we now believe that a condition as of July 10 would be something between 72 and 73 per cent of a normal. Definite figures will be issued by us on July 28, as of July 20.

The crop seems to be in good shape for rapid improvement from this time forward, which it must do within the next few weeks, or fall much lower in the scale as a prospect. The boll weevil is now the source of greatest apprehension.

Distinct improvement has been made in Tennessee, although there are still very many grassy fields. Weather conditions are more favorable for field work, but work lagging on account of scarcity of labor and indifference of tenants. Good cotton growing weather for the past two weeks. Good farmers out of the grass, but soil in poor condition. Rains would help in some localities, especially eastward from a north and south line through Jackson to the Tennessee river. General condition of the crop poor to very good, and from a week to three weeks late. No complaint of insects.

Thirteen counties report squares, 27 squares and blooms, and two report immature bolls. Counties reporting clean fields, 12; more than 60 per cent clear, 9, and less than 60 per cent clear, 8.

Annual Reunion

The annual reunion of the Stonewall Jackson Bivouac will be held at Shiloh tomorrow. Those who wore the gray, the blue and khaki are invited and will participate in the exercises of the day. Capt. Gordon S. Browning, of Huntingdon, will be the principal speaker. Three of the comrades have passed away since the last meeting of the Bivouac, Dr. J. P. Cannon and John D. Pate, of McKenzie, and W. J. McCracken, of Huntingdon, and memorial services will be held in their memory. A large crowd is expected to be in attendance.

SEVERE WIND STORM

Considerable Damage Done in Portions of Carroll

One of the hardest windstorms of the heated season struck Carroll county last Friday. The wind in some sections reached almost cyclonic proportions and a few buildings and much timber were badly damaged.

A store belonging to Oliver Williams at Big Rock, in the Nineteenth district, was lifted off its foundation, which, in the rear was quite high. As the store was lifted the lower part spread, letting the floor fall to the ground and pitching the contents into a conglomerated mass, breaking jars of liquids and doing much damage to the stock of goods. Fortunately there was no one in the store at the time of the storm and no one hurt. The loss is estimated at \$300 or \$400.

Ed Barker's house was blown down, the barn on the Zeke Coleman place and the crib and tenant house on Earl Coleman's farm were all blown down. The people in this section all have storm houses and no one was hurt.

In the Eighth district two of the cottages on the county farm were unroofed, but no one hurt.

While the wind blew a good gale in Huntingdon, no harm was done except the smokestack of the ice plant was blown down.

Some damage was done out-houses, shade and fruit trees in the community of Trezevant.

CONGRATULATES FRANCE

Before beginning the day's conferences President Wilson, Monday, sent this message to President Poincaré of France, on the occasion of the celebration of Bastille Day:

"May I not on this day, which commemorates the breaking of the chain which once bound France to an intolerable servitude, convey to the people of France the cordial fraternal greetings of the people of the United States and their sense of privilege and joy in having been associated with France in breaking the bonds of the world? (Signed) "WOODROW WILSON."

SCHOOL ITEMS

A word to school Advisory Boards: If you have teachers applying for your schools who hold certificates and who have had successful experience please recommend them to the Board of Education by next Monday, 21st, or the board will make an effort to fill your schools without further consulting you. At present we do not have more than fifty per cent enough teachers to fill the schools. Either send in any applications you have or else ask the board to supply your school.

You will remember that teachers are not permitted to begin their schools without holding certificates. Do not promise a school to any teacher who does not hold a certificate which is in force.

All High Schools are requested to have representation here at Huntingdon next Monday at the board meeting. If you expect to share in the High School fund come and let us assist you in working out plans for your school. This will be an important meeting and your school can not afford to miss being represented.

Every dollar of the High School fund is under the control of the County High School Board and it can place it all in the Rural High Schools or it can co-operate with the Special District schools. This is what it desires to do. It might be well for the High Schools to submit a list of their teachers for the board's approval.

Time for summer schools to begin is July 28. High schools may begin when it best suits the community. Parents will not forget that the last legislature passed a law compelling children from 7 to 16 years of age to attend school every school day during the year. The Attendance officer has power of deputy sheriff to make instantaneous arrests and cite offenders up before the nearest magistrate. Get ready to comply with the law.

Yours truly,

D. T. BARNHILL,

County Supt.

Revival Closes

The protracted meeting which had been conducted at the Christian church at this place during the past two weeks by Eld. H. L. Calhoun, of Bethany, W. Va., with Eld. Clifford Bucy, of Ohio, in charge of the music, closed Friday night. There were eight additions by baptism. Eld. Calhoun left here Monday to go to Newbern to begin a series of services there, while Eld. Bucy left for Carlisle to conduct services.

Mail Clerk's Examination

The United States Civil Service Commission announces an examination for railway mail clerks, for men only, on August 23, 1919, at Jackson, Tenn., age limit, 18 to 35. The entrance salary for this position is \$1,100 a year. For application blanks and other information, apply to R. L. Boon, local secretary, Jackson, Tenn.

A CONCRETE RESERVOIR

Needed Improvements at Water and Light Plant

We understand that the board of mayor and aldermen have contracted with L. H. Jolly for the construction of a reservoir at the water plant. The reservoir will be constructed of concrete, octagonal in shape, and will be twelve feet high inside and twenty-four feet in diameter, and will contain 40,000 gallons of water. The job is to be completed in thirty days.

The purpose of this improvement is to be able to have on hand at all times plenty of water to fight fire, flush the mains and supply the demands of the town. The wells are too weak to meet present demands in these particulars and by filling the reservoir between midnight and day while water is not being used in town, ample supply will be kept on hand to meet all requirements.

This is an improvement that should have been made some time ago, and we are glad the board has undertaken the job.

PEACE PACT WAR

Wilson Will Fight to Have the Treaty Adopted by Senate

President Wilson will fight to the last ditch to have the peace treaty adopted by the United States Senate without change or reservation. The republican opposition will use every effort to have changes made in the pact.

Sometime ago the opposition claimed that they would be able to defeat ratification of the peace treaty, basing their opposition principally to the league of nations. Seeing their inability to do this, they are now directing their fight for certain reservations.

President Wilson on his return from France presented to the senate the treaty and made a clear-cut and forceful explanation of its purpose. The democratic members and the galleries gave him a cordial reception and cheered his speech heartily, but the republicans were sullen and repelling in their treatment of the president.

Since his arrival in Washington, the President has dealt personally with certain democratic senators who were reported to be wavering in their support of the treaty. As a result of these conferences Mr. Wilson was said by the men closest to him to be certain that there will not be more than one democratic senator—Reed of Missouri—recorded in favor of any modification of the treaty. The President also believes that, so far as the Shantung agreement is concerned, he will be able to explain his action in this connection so that certain Republican votes which are lined up in opposition to the treaty largely because of this one provision will be available for ratification.

The debate on the actual ratification of the treaty began Tuesday with a display of bitter determination on both sides. The fight promises to be a heated one and drawn out for some time.

NEW SPRING HILL

Clyde Barlow and family of Gleason visited the family of S. A. Barlow last Saturday.

Mrs. Bertha Adamson and Miss Emma Miller were McMoresville visitors last Wednesday.

Mrs. W. J. King of Hico visited her sister, Mrs. S. A. Barlow last week. Bob and Sam Farnell, of McKenzie visited Mrs. S. A. Barlow and other relatives and friends last Sunday.

Van Trauwick saved thirty-five loads of fine hay last week.

Gordon Adamson left last week for Kansas to work in the wheat harvest.

DR. J. P. CANNON

Prominent McKenzie Citizen Has Passed Away

Dr. J. P. Cannon, one of the leading citizens of West Tennessee, died Saturday morning at his home at McKenzie, after an illness lasting over a year.

Dr. Cannon came to McKenzie from Alabama and entered business as a young man with his brother, Capt. J. W. Cannon. Later he entered the drug business in the firm of Cannon-Ramsey Company, and later with his sons in the J. P. Cannon & Sons Drug Company.

He was seventy-five years old at the time of his death. As a youth he served four years in the Confederate army. He was a trustee of the soldier's home at Nashville and helped organize the Stonewall Jackson bivouac. He was also on the official board of the M. E. Church, South.

Funeral services were held Sunday morning at 9:30 o'clock from the Methodist church. Services were conducted by Rev. R. B. Smith, assisted by local pastors.

Dr. Cannon is survived by three daughters, Mrs. R. B. Moore, Mrs. Andrew J. Smith and Mrs. Horace Jordan, and two sons, Roy and Turner Cannon.

The writer became acquainted with Dr. Cannon when we were a young fellow attending school at McTyeire, we have known him quite intimately every since and we have never known a more courteous gentleman and one more honest and upright in his dealings with his fellow man. We have always considered him a very special friend and prized him greatly as such. We regretted to hear of his death and extend sympathy to his bereaved loved ones.

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